UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION 3:09cr203

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff,)	PRELIMINARY ORDER
V.)	OF FORFEITURE
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(1) ERIC GILES,)	
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Defendant.)	

In the Third Superseding Bill of Indictment in this case, the United States sought forfeiture of amounts of money allegedly laundered and structured, as well as firearms used in the crimes charged, which would be subject to forfeiture under 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 21 U.S.C. § 853, as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

Defendant was subsequently convicted by a jury on Counts One through Three and Five through Eight of the Third Superseding Bill of Indictment and was adjudged guilty of the offenses charged in those counts. Based on evidence already in the record, including the trial evidence, the government has established the amounts to be forfeited and the requisite nexus between the firearms alleged and the related offenses.

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. Defendant is ordered to forfeit the following amounts, to be entered as concurrent money judgments at sentencing:

Count	Statutory Violation	Amount
One	21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841	\$1,017,800
Two	18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)	\$1,017,800
Three	18 U.S.C. § 371 and 31 U.S.C. § 5313(a)	\$696,823

2. Based upon defendant's conviction, the United States is authorized to seize the following property belonging to defendant, and it is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition according to law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n):

One Rossi .38 caliber revolver;

One Ruger 22 caliber rifle; and,

One Ruger 9 millimeter pistol.

3. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the government shall publish notice of this order; notice of its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct; and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier. This notice shall state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in each of the forfeited properties and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in property that is the subject of this Order of Forfeiture, as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

4. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Signed: August 15, 2011

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Chief United States District Judge